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Honorable William E. Colby
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Dear Bill:

In view of Secretary Schlesinger's testimony to the Armed Services Committee last month, there will most certainly be hard debate on the question as to whether we withdraw all troops from Korea, Thailand and Taiwan this year.

In order that I may make up my own mind as to the merits of these questions, I would like to have an immediate briefing on the reasons why a nominal U.S. presence in Korea, Thailand and Taiwan should be maintained after June 30.

It would be helpful if your briefing officer will bring along current order of battle information and the most recent National Intelligence Estimates for these areas.

Will you have your secretary call Ms. Julie Pineau in my office (225-5411) to set up these briefings?

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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